

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7 and 9-11 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 7 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 1, 4-7, 10, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Prandoni et al. (U.S. Patent 7,042,493) in view of Meier et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,075,556). Claims 3 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Prandoni and Meier and further in view of Seedholm, Peter, "Print Screen Button Tutorial" (<http://www.ibiblio.org/virtualcell/Tutor1/TandR/prtscr.html>), hereinafter referred to as Seedholm.

§ 101 Rejection - Claims 7 and 9

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 7 and 9 satisfy the requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

§ 103(a) Rejection (Prandoni / Meier) - Claims 1, 4-7, 10, and 11

Claims 1, 4-7, 10, and 11 are rejected over the combination of Prandoni and Meier based on the reasons set forth on pages 3-9 of the present Office Action.

Applicants submit that the applied references, alone or combination, do not disclose or suggest at least, "an image control section that periodically cuts out a selected image in real time as static image information from the frame images at intervals of a predetermined time and periodically extracts the drawn input image as input drawing static information at intervals of the predetermined time," as recited in amended claim 1, and similarly recited in amended independent claims 7, 10, and 11.

Prandoni is directed to automated stroboscoping of video sequences; stroboscoping relates to the analysis of fast motions. The stroboscoping performed in Prandoni is “non-real-time processing.” To the contrary, Meier is a “system for annotating video,” which can perform “real-time processing.” One of ordinary skill in the art would not have been led to combine the “non-real-time processing” of Prandoni with the real-time processing of Meier.

Further, the teachings of the respective references cannot be technically combined to arrive at the claimed invention. For example, Prandoni discloses the stroboscoping image of a figure skater. If the drawing functionality of Meier were to be combined with stroboscoping image, the stroboscoping image of the figure skater would merely be provided with a plurality of arrows for each skater, but would not technically teach or suggest the invention as claimed such that each and every limitation would be satisfied by the combination.

At least based on the foregoing, Applicants submit that independent claim 1 is patentably distinguishable over the applied references.

Applicants submit that independent claims 7 and 10 are patentable at least based on reasons similar to those set forth above with respect to claim 1.

Applicants submit that claims 4-6 and 11 are patentable at least by virtue of their respective dependencies from claims 1 and 10.

§ 103(a) Rejections (Prandoni / Meier / Seedholm) - Claims 3 and 9

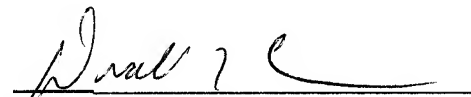
Applicants submit that claims 3 and 9 are patentable at least by virtue of their respective dependencies from independent claims 1 and 7. Seedholm does not make up for the deficiencies of the other applied references.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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